

REMARKS

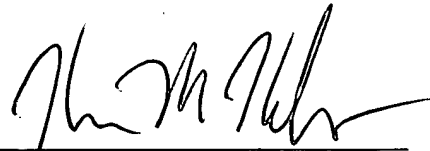
Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. In an office action dated July 2, 2003, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 18-21, 23, 25-28, and 31-34 were rejected and claims 5, 8-17, 22, 24, 29, 30, and 35 were objected to. In addition, the drawings were objected to, as well as the specification. Applicants have canceled claims 1, 18, 23, and 31, amended claims 2, 5-13, 14-17, 19-21, 22, 24-29, and 32-35, and amended the specification and drawings to overcome the objections and rejections.

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly accommodated or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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